



State Senator

**Dan
Debicella**



FIGHTING FOR SENIORS

Dear Neighbor:

The General Assembly is considering many issues that will directly impact the quality of life for seniors in our town. I am working to ensure that Hartford addresses the needs of the seniors on several issues:

Reducing Energy Bills - We need to take immediate action to fix the outrageous electricity rate increases which are hitting seniors on fixed incomes very hard this year. In the short term, I have proposed eliminating the sales tax on electricity by using our surplus, which would bring \$100 million in relief to ratepayers immediately. In the longer term, I have proposed fixing our deregulated electricity system to increase the supply of electricity produced in Connecticut, thus reducing prices.

Exempting Pensions from State Income Tax - After paying income taxes all your life, seniors have earned the right to not pay income taxes on pensions. I have proposed a bill to eliminate the state income tax on pensions and Social Security benefits. We should not be double taxing our seniors on their retirement funds.

Controlling Health Care Costs - Health care costs are spiraling out of control. The United States has the best health care system in the world, but we are paying for it in increased premiums and drug costs. My proposal to reduce costs is about creating incentives for individuals and health providers around preventative medicine, which both reduces costs and makes people healthier. If we can catch more diseases like cancer and heart problems early, it will cost less to treat and help people live longer.....and isn't that the point of health care in the first place?

If you want more information on any of these issues, or if there is anything I can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 842-1421 or at dan.debicella@cga.ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dan Debicella